

emphasize the importance of blood donation and independent blood centers in America.

Blood transfusions help save millions of lives each year. However, blood cannot be manufactured, so our entire national supply depends on the selfless generosity of blood donors. Because donated blood is perishable, it has a limited shelf life. It must be continually replenished.

Last year, when a shooter attacked the Republican baseball team and hit my friend and roommate, Majority Whip STEVE SCALISE, the donors who visited their local blood center in the days prior to the shooting made a crucial difference in saving his life. Volunteer blood donors ensure that patients suffering due to natural disasters, accidents, diseases, or acts of violence always will have access to lifesaving blood.

This week, in honor of World Blood Donor Day, I want to thank our Nation's blood donors, as well as encourage others to join the 7 million Americans who choose to donate blood each year. I also encourage my colleagues to visit their local blood centers to learn more about the continuous need for blood donation and to support their lifesaving work.

AMERICA'S GROWING HEALTHCARE CRISIS

(Mrs. DINGELL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to share with my colleagues the crisis facing families across the country whose fear is growing daily about their healthcare.

This week, I took John to the doctor, and so many people stopped us, it ended up being an unscheduled town hall meeting.

A 50-year-old woman who had had a stroke last year, who was now walking and talking, scared to death that she would lose her insurance and about what she would do.

A mother of an 8-year-old who has juvenile diabetes crying and saying: What am I going to do? I don't know how I will afford it, or if her life could even end.

There were 10 more stories that morning. This isn't a war of words. These are real people with real consequences, and, for some, it is a matter of life and death. They are depending on all of us. We must come together.

So many of my colleagues said: "We will never go back to the days that people would be denied insurance because of preexisting conditions." Let's work together to help people who need us.

OPTIMISM ABOUT THE TRUMP-KIM SUMMIT

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to ad-

dress the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, President Donald Trump arrived in Singapore for the historic meeting with Kim Jong-un of North Korea, the first-ever meeting between a sitting President and the leader of North Korea. I applaud President Donald Trump, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, and National Security Advisor John Bolton for their successful efforts.

This summit was a substantive step forward, but to protect American families, the United States will continue to insist that North Korea take concrete, verifiable steps toward denuclearization.

I remain hopeful that North Korea will commit to regular, unannounced nuclear inspections by both U.N. and American experts, leading to prosperity for the people of North Korea, as has been achieved phenomenally for the people of South Korea.

As one of only two Members of Congress who have visited Pyongyang, I am especially grateful that President Trump has maintained his effective foreign policy of peace through strength, without which this summit would have never occurred.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

Congratulations to State Representative Katie Arrington on the dynamic primary victory yesterday to represent the historic First District of South Carolina.

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COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, June 13, 2018.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on June 13, 2018, at 11:13 a.m.:

That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 2229.

That the Senate agreed to without an amendment H. Con. Res. 111.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

HONORING HUMBERTO LOPEZ

(Mr. BIGGS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BIGGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate my friend, Humberto Lopez, for receiving the Ari-

zona Lodging & Tourism Association's Hotelier of the Year Award this past May.

Humberto Lopez rose from humble roots and is the true definition of the American Dream. He provided for his family as a young boy after his father passed away, worked diligently in college at the University of Arizona, and became a CPA.

In 1975, he founded HSL Properties, Inc. and Arizona's tourism industry owes him its thanks for bringing excellence in hospitality and service to the outstanding hotels he manages.

More importantly though, Humberto Lopez created the H.S. Lopez Family Foundation, which works to improve the quality of life for communities and families across southern Arizona through education, health, and welfare. Humberto Lopez's work to provide for Arizona and those in need is a testament to the success of the American Dream and the character we need in our citizens.

CONGRATULATING TITUSVILLE AREA HOSPITAL

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Titusville Area Hospital on earning an achievement award from the Hospital & Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania for its outstanding efforts to improve healthcare in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The hospital's entry was titled: "Enhancing Emergency Care: Because Seconds Count in an Emergency," and it was chosen as an Excellence in Care Award winner. Twelve award recipients were selected from 91 total submissions. It is a tremendous achievement for CEO Lee Clinton and everyone on the staff at the Titusville Area Hospital.

The goal was to lower the overall wait time for patients seeking emergency care. The hospital began collecting data in November 2016. At that point the door-to-doctor wait time was 46 minutes, and today the current average wait time is approximately 21 minutes. This is below the State and national averages.

The progress that has been made during this time is remarkable. It translates to not only better patient experience, but better care.

Mr. Speaker, I wholeheartedly congratulate CEO Lee Clinton and everyone at the Titusville Area Hospital on this outstanding achievement. The community is most proud of their efforts.